DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). This meeting will be held in-person with a webinar option. Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This hybrid meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2364779457565430287

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Matthewson St., Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861-8000.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

The Advisory Panel plans to discuss Framework 36: Receive an update and provide input on a range of potential access area and days-at-sea (DAS) allocations for

the 2023 and 2024 fishing years. Framework 36 will set specifications including

ABC/ACLs, DAS, access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern

Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, targets for General Category incidental

catch, General Category access area trips, and set-asides for the observer and research

programs for fishing year 2023 and default specifications for fishing year 2024. The

panel also plans to develop recommendations for possible 2023 scallop work priorities.

They will also consider recommending a control date that could be used to limit the

movement of LAGC permits into the NGOM fishery. Other business will be discussed,

if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before

this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during

this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this

notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action

under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified

of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also

should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a

copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies,

Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: October 4, 2022.

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Acting Deputy Director,

Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service.

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